

White supremacists are riling up thousands on social media

WASHINGTON (AP) — The social media posts are of a distinct type. They hint darkly that the CIA or the FBI are behind mass shootings. They traffic in racist, sexist and homophobic tropes. They revel in the prospect of a "white boy summer."

White nationalists and supremacists, on accounts often run by young men, are building thriving, macho communities across social media platforms like Instagram, Telegram and TikTok, evading detection with coded hashtags and innuendo.

Their snarky memes and trendy videos are riling up thousands of followers on divisive issues including abortion, guns, immigration and LGBTQ rights. The Department of Homeland Security warned Tuesday that such skewed framing of the subjects could drive extremists to violently attack public places across the U.S. in the coming months.

These type of threats and racist ideology have become so commonplace on social media that it's nearly impossible for law enforcement to separate internet



An investigator works at the scene after a mass shooting at a supermarket, in Buffalo, N.Y., May 16, 2022.

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ramblings from dangerous, potentially violent people, Michael German, who infiltrated white supremacy groups as an FBI agent, told

the Senate Judiciary Committee on Tuesday.

"It seems intuitive that effective social media monitoring might provide clues

to help law enforcement prevent attacks," German said. "After all, the white supremacist attackers in Buffalo, Pittsburgh and El Paso

all gained access to materials online and expressed their hateful, violent intentions on social media."

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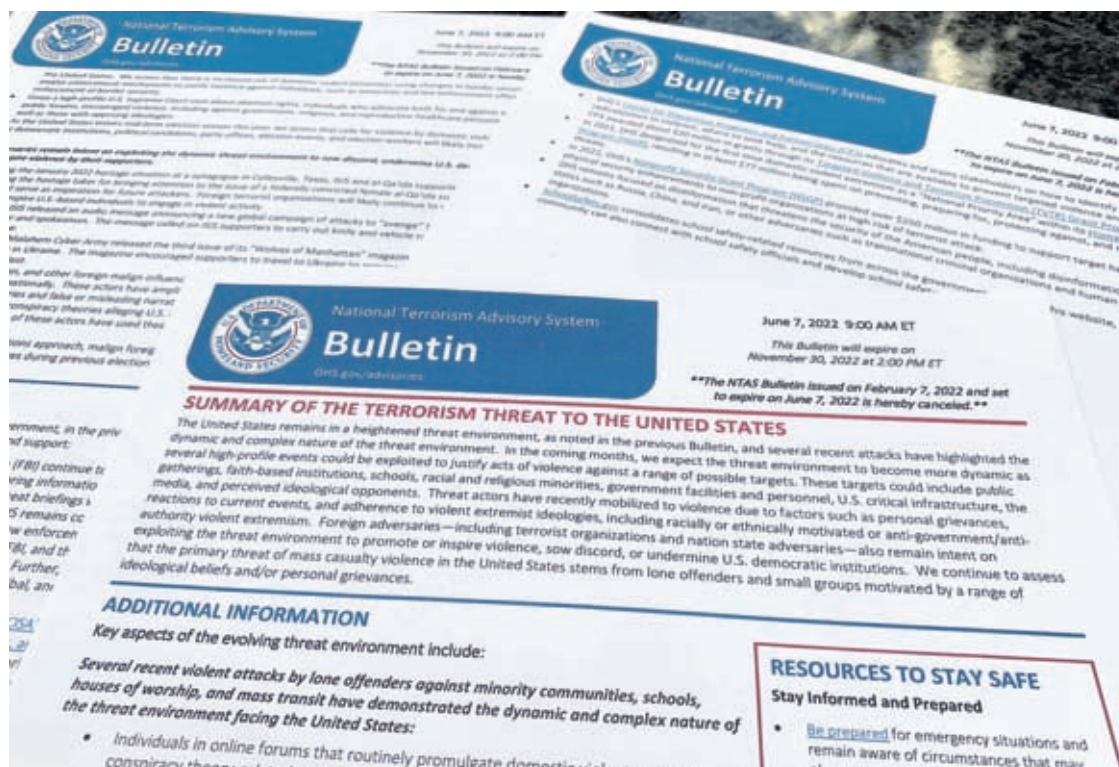
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But, he continued, "so many false alarms drown out threats."

DHS and the FBI are also working with state and local agencies to raise awareness about the increased threat around the U.S. in the coming months. The heightened concern comes just weeks after a white 18-year-old entered a supermarket in Buffalo, New York, with the goal of killing as many Black patrons as possible. He gunned down 10.

That shooter claims to have been introduced to neo-Nazi websites and a livestream of the 2019 Christchurch, New Zealand, mosque shootings on the anonymous, online messaging board 4Chan. In 2018, the white man who gunned down 11 at a Pittsburgh synagogue shared his antisemitic rants on Gab, a site that attracts extremists. The year before, a 21-year-old white man who killed 23 people at a Walmart in the largely Hispanic city of El Paso, Texas, shared his anti-immigrant hate on the messaging board 8Chan. References to hate-filled ideologies are more elusive across mainstream platforms like Twitter, Instagram, TikTok and Telegram. To avoid detection from artificial intelligence-powered moderation, users don't use obvious terms like "white genocide" or "white power" in conversation. They signal their beliefs in other ways: a Christian cross emoji in their profile or words like "anglo" or "pilled," a term embraced by far-right chatrooms, in usernames. Most recently, some of these accounts have borrowed the pop song "White Boy Summer"



The bulletin issued by the Department of Homeland Security, outlining the current terrorism threat to the United States, is photographed Thursday, June 9, 2022.

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to cheer on the leaked Supreme Court draft opinion on Roe v. Wade, according to an analysis by Signal Labs, a social media intelligence firm.

Facebook and Instagram owner Meta banned praise and support for white nationalist and separatist movements in 2019 on company platforms, but the social media shift to subtlety makes it difficult to moderate the posts. Meta says it has more than 350 experts, with backgrounds from national security to radicalization research, dedicated to ridding the site of such hateful speech. "We know these groups are determined to find new ways to try to evade our policies, and that's why we invest in people and technology and work with outside experts to constantly update and improve our enforcement efforts," David Tessler, the head of dangerous organizations and

individuals policy for Meta, said in a statement.

A closer look reveals hundreds of posts steeped in sexist, antisemitic, racist and homophobic content. In one Instagram post identified by The Associated Press, an account called White Primacy appeared to post a photo of a billboard that describes a common way Jewish people were exterminated during the Holocaust.

"We're just 75 years since the gas chambers. So no, a billboard calling out bigotry against Jews isn't an over-reaction," the pictured billboard said.

The caption of the post, however, denied gas chambers were used at all. The post's comments were even worse: "If what they said really happened, we'd be in such a better place," one user commented. "We're going to finish what they started someday," another wrote.

The account, which had more than 4,000 followers, was immediately removed Tuesday, after the AP asked Meta about it. Meta has banned posts that deny the Holocaust on its platform since 2020.

U.S. extremists are mimicking the social media strategy used by the Islamic State group, which turned to subtle language and images across Telegram, Facebook and YouTube a decade ago to evade the industry-wide crackdown of the terrorist group's online presence, said Mia Bloom, a communications professor at Georgia State University.

"They're trying to recruit," said Bloom, who has researched social media use for both Islamic State terrorists and far-right extremists. "We're starting to see some of the same patterns with ISIS and the far-right. The coded speech, the ways to evade AI. The groups were

appealing to a younger and younger crowd." For example, on Instagram, one of the most popular apps for teens and young adults, white supremacists amplify each other's content daily and point their followers to new accounts. In recent weeks, a cluster of those accounts has turned its sights on Pride Month, with some calling for gay marriage to be "re-criminalized" and others using the #Pride or rainbow flag emoji to post homophobic memes. Law enforcement agencies are already monitoring an active threat from a young Arizona man who says on his Telegram accounts that he is "leading the war" against retail giant Target for its Pride Month merchandise and children's clothing line and has promised to "hunt LGBT supporters" at the stores. In videos posted to his Telegram and YouTube accounts, sometimes filmed at Target stores, he encourages others to go to the stores as well.

Target said in a statement that it is working with local and national law enforcement agencies who are investigating the videos.

As society becomes more accepting of LGBTQ rights, the issue may be especially triggering for young men who have held traditional beliefs around relationships and marriage, Bloom said. "That might explain the vulnerability to radical belief systems: A lot of the beliefs that they grew up with, that they held rather firmly, are being shaken," she said. "That's where it becomes an opportunity for these groups: They're lashing out and they're picking on things that are very different." □

Native American youth to be tapped for conservation projects

Associated Press

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. (AP) — U.S. Interior Secretary Deb Haaland on Friday rolled out guidelines for a new youth service program meant to create job opportunities for Native Americans while boosting their cultural connections to nature through conservation

projects on tribal and public land.

The Indian Youth Service Corps is the latest addition to the Biden administration's plans for building a 21st century version of the New Deal-era Civilian Conservation Corps. The mission includes everything from clearing brush to reduce

wildfire threats and restore forests to preserving historic sites, helping with archaeological research and building trails.

The U.S. Forest Service is investing up to \$5 million as part of its partnership with the corps, and the National Park Foundation is committing \$1 million. □



Interior Secretary Deb Haaland speaks during a Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee hearing on May 19, 2022, on Capitol Hill in Washington.

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U.S. lifts COVID-19 test requirement for international travel

By ZEKE MILLER and DAVID KOENIG

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WASHINGTON (AP) — The Biden administration is lifting its requirement that international travelers test negative for COVID-19 within a day before boarding a flight to the United States, ending one of the last remaining government mandates designed to contain the spread of the coronavirus.

A senior administration official said Friday that the mandate will expire early Sunday morning.

The official, speaking on the condition of anonymity to preview the formal announcement, said the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention determined that the testing requirement is no longer necessary. The person said the CDC will reevaluate the issue every 90 days and could reinstate the requirement if a troubling new variant of COVID-19 emerges. Airline and tourism groups have been pressing the administration for months to eliminate the testing requirement, saying it discourages people from booking international trips because they could be stranded overseas if they contract the virus on their trip.

Roger Dow, president of the U.S. Travel Association, called lifting the testing rule "another huge step forward for the recovery of inbound air travel and the return of international travel to the United States."

"The whole industry has been waiting for this announcement," said Martin Ferguson, a spokesman



Passengers get a COVID-19 test at Heathrow Airport in London, Nov. 29, 2021.

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for Global Business Travel Group Inc., which advises companies on travel policy.

Airlines argued that the rule was put into effect when few Americans were vaccinated — now 71% of those 5 and older are fully vaccinated, according to CDC figures. Airlines also complained that people entering the U.S. at land borders are not required to test negative for COVID-19, although they must show proof of vaccination.

American Airlines CEO Robert Isom said last week that the requirement on air travelers "is something that is damaging not only U.S. travel, but it just doesn't make sense."

While domestic U.S. travel has returned nearly to pre-pandemic levels, international travel — which is very lucrative for the airlines — has continued to lag. In

May, U.S. international air travel remained 24% below 2019 levels, with declines among both U.S. and foreign citizens, according to trade group Airlines for America.

Many other countries have lifted their testing requirements for fully vaccinated and boosted travelers in a bid to increase tourism.

In February, travel groups argued that the testing requirement was obsolete because of the high number of omicron cases already in every state, higher vaccination rates and new treatments for the virus.

"I'm glad CDC suspended the burdensome coronavirus testing requirement for international travelers, and I'll continue to do all I can to support the strong recovery of our hospitality industry," Sen. Catherine Cortez Masto, D-Nev., said in a statement.

The requirement for a negative COVID-19 test before flying to the U.S. dates to January 2021 and is the most visible remaining U.S. travel restriction of the pandemic era.

In April, a federal judge in Florida struck down a requirement that passengers wear masks on planes and public transportation, saying that the CDC had exceeded its authority. The Biden administration is appealing that ruling, saying it aims to protect the CDC's ability to respond to future health emergencies.

The Biden administration put the testing requirement in place as it moved away from restrictions that banned nonessential travel from several dozen countries — most of Europe, China, Brazil, South Africa, India and Iran — to focus instead on classifying individuals by the risk they pose

to others. It was coupled with a requirement that foreign, non-immigrant adults traveling to the United States need to be fully vaccinated, with only limited exceptions.

The initial mandate allowed those who were fully vaccinated to show proof of a negative test within three days of travel, while unvaccinated people had to present a test taken within one day of travel.

In November, as the highly transmissible omicron variant swept the world, the Biden administration toughened the requirement and required all travelers — regardless of vaccination status — to test negative within a day of travel to the U.S.

Travelers found creative ways to avoid the rule. This spring, several Canadian teams in the National Hockey League flew to cities near the border, then took buses into the U.S. to avoid the risk of losing players who tested positive.

Despite ending the testing requirement, the CDC will continue to recommend COVID-19 testing prior to air travel of any kind as a safety precaution, according to the senior administration official.

U.S. airlines estimate that dropping the test requirement will mean 4.3 million more passengers in one year.

It is unclear, however, whether airlines can boost flights quickly enough to handle that kind of increase. Airlines facing a shortage of pilots have already scaled back their original schedules for the peak summer vacation season. □

Biden nixes Trump design for Air Force One over cost, delay

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Joe Biden's administration has scrapped former President Donald Trump's red, white and blue design for the new generation of presidential aircraft after an Air Force review suggested it would raise costs and delay the delivery of the new jets. Boeing

is currently modifying two Boeing 747-800 aircraft that will bear the Air Force One callsign when the president is onboard to replace the existing fleet of two aging Boeing 747-200 aircraft. Trump, in 2018, directed that the new jumbo jets shed the iconic Kennedy-era robin's egg blue and

white design for a deeper navy and streak of dark red. The Trump paint scheme is not being considered because it could drive additional engineering, time and cost, according to an administration official who spoke on the condition of anonymity in order to discuss the program. □



A model of the new Air Force One design sits on a table during a meeting between President Donald Trump and Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau in the Oval Office of the White House, June 20, 2019, in Washington.

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Bird flu arrives in Southwest after millions of birds die

PHOENIX (AP) — Arizona officials have confirmed the first cases in the Southwest of a bird flu that has led to the deaths of 37 million birds from commercial farms in the central and eastern U.S.

The disease was spotted after tests by federal wildlife officials in three wild cormorants that had been found dead in a park in the Phoenix suburb of Scottsdale, Arizona Game and Fish officials announced this week.

The disease has not yet been found in any domestic birds or in commercial operations, the agency said.

But it is a concern, according to Glenn Hickman, president and CEO of Hickman Family Farms, one of the largest egg producers in the Southwest. Hickman operates four chicken ranches in Arizona, one in California and two in Colorado.

The company has stopped any visits to its farms and doublechecked its biosecurity program, which is designed to prevent its approximately 2 million chickens from being infected. Its chickens are kept in barns that are secured so that wild birds can't enter, and



A bird lands on the top of the net behind home plate during a spring training baseball game between the Colorado Rockies and the Milwaukee Brewers Wednesday, March 24, 2021, in Phoenix. Associated Press

any people or tools that enter are disinfected.

The company dodged a scare recently when the avian flu was found in a flock 3 miles (4.8 kilometers) from one of its Colorado farms, Hickman said Thursday. And while he's concerned about the Scottsdale find, it's not anywhere near as concerning as if a nearby commercial operation had an outbreak.

"Those are a lot scarier because the massive amount

of virus that is potentially produced when you have a large population is much more than the relatively small amount of virus per bird in the wild bird population," he said. None of his farms were affected.

Arizona Game and Fish officials have been closely monitoring for the disease, which had been no closer than Colorado before this week's announcement, by responding to all calls of dead birds.

Anne Justice-Allen, the department's wildlife veterinarian, said calls from the public alerted her agency to the dead cormorants, water-loving birds that often nest in groups. The three juveniles had fallen out of their nests and were spotted dead by morning walkers in the park, who called wildlife officials.

"It's a good thing they did," Justice-Allen said, because they were able to collect the birds and test them be-

fore park workers removed them.

"We had a high suspicion that it was something that we do not normally see," Justice-Allen said. "We have resident cormorants in the area, and we do not normally see mortality events in them."

Justice-Allen said a major concern is backyard flocks of chickens, which are allowed in parts of metro Phoenix. The disease has been found in many homeowner flocks across the country.

Bird owners should watch for symptoms like birds not eating or lethargy, runny noses, seizures or diarrhea, she said. Anyone seeing those symptoms should call the state Department of Agriculture.

The first U.S. detection of the new strain of highly contagious avian flu in domestic poultry was in February in Indiana. More than 37 million birds have been killed to prevent the infection from spreading since then.

As of June 3, it had been detected in wild birds in 40 states, but not in California, Arizona, Nevada or New Mexico. Commercial flocks in 19 states have been infected. □

New Mexico residents sue for information on massive wildfire



Smoke from the Calf Canyon/Hermit Peak Fire drifts over Las Vegas, N.M., on May 7, 2022. Associated Press

SANTA FE, N.M. (AP) — Dozens of residents in a small New Mexico community impacted by massive wildfires that merged in April are suing the U.S. Forest Service over what they called a failure to provide infor-

mation about the government's role in starting the blazes.

The Forest Service has acknowledged that two prescribed burns it set to clear out brush and small trees that can serve as wildfire

fuel sparked two blazes that came together as the largest in New Mexico's history and the biggest burning in the U.S. right now. The wildfire has charred nearly 500 square miles (1,295 square kilometers) in the Sangre de Cristo mountain range, which sits at the southern edge of the Rocky Mountains. Several hundred homes have been destroyed.

The lawsuit was filed Wednesday in U.S. District Court in Albuquerque on behalf of 50 Mora County residents, the Santa Fe New Mexican reported.

It asks the court to declare that the Forest Service improperly withheld planning documents for the burns, agreements or contracts with anyone who helped

carry out the burns and information on the rules and regulations that govern the prescribed burns.

Without the information, the lawsuit alleges, the residents "cannot determine the Forest Service's responsibility — other than media accounts — for starting the fire."

The Forest Service told the Santa Fe New Mexican that it does not comment on pending litigation. The agency has said unexpected, erratic winds during one prescribed burn carried embers outside the targeted area. The other wildfire emerged from a burn set on a pile of dead vegetation in January that smoldered for weeks, even under snow.

The agency has put a hold

on prescribed burns nationwide pending its own investigation.

President Joe Biden is scheduled to visit New Mexico on Saturday for a briefing about the wildfires and recovery efforts. Another wildfire in southwestern New Mexico has burned 466 square miles (1,206 square kilometers).

The Mora County residents said they requested documents from the Forest Service on May 4 about the fire in northern New Mexico, but that the agency failed to respond within 20 working days as required under the law. The lawsuit also seeks attorneys fees.

Herman Lujan, 80, his brother and nephew are among the Mora County residents who are suing. □

Russian suspect appeals for acquittal at Dutch MH17 trial

By MIKE CORDER

Associated Press

THE HAGUE, Netherlands (AP) —

A Russian suspect in the 2014 downing of Malaysia Airlines flight MH17 over eastern Ukraine appealed Friday in a video statement to a Dutch court to be declared innocent, as judges adjourned the long-running trial of three Russians and a Ukrainian separatist rebel and began months of deliberations.

"I hope and expect a just and legally substantiated judgment," Oleg Pulatov told the panel of judges. "Please acquit me."

He spoke in a recorded video message because he along with his the three other suspects has not surrendered to the court to face trial.

Prosecutors say Pulatov was deputy head of the intelligence service of the self-proclaimed Donetsk People's Republic in eastern Ukraine when the Boeing 777 flying from Amsterdam to Kuala Lumpur was shot down by a Buk missile on July 17, 2014, killing all 298 passengers and crew. As 67 days of trial hearings spread over more than two years drew to a close,



Presiding judge Hendrik Steenhuis, right, and other trial judges and lawyers view the reconstructed wreckage of Malaysia Airlines Flight MH17, at the Gilze-Rijen military airbase, southern Netherlands, Wednesday, May 26, 2021.

Presiding Judge Hendrik Steenhuis said the earliest date the court could deliver verdicts in the complex case is Nov. 17.

The trial began on March 9, 2020, as the separatist conflict in eastern Ukraine that formed the backdrop of the downing of the passenger jet was still simmering. The hearing of evidence

and legal arguments ended Friday with Ukraine engulfed in a devastating war to repel Russia's Feb. 24 invasion.

The marathon court case opened with prosecutors solemnly reading out the names of all 298 people who died when the passenger jet was blown out of the sky. Judges also heard

emotional victim impact statements by dozens of relatives of those killed.

On the last scheduled day of legal pleadings before verdicts, Pulatov's Dutch defense lawyers repeated their assertions that their client has not had a fair trial and is innocent.

The trial featured evidence that prosecutors say proves

the three Russians Pulatov, Igor Girkin and Sergey Dubinskiy along with Ukrainian Leonid Kharchenko were involved in the downing using a Buk missile launcher trucked into Ukraine from a Russian military base and then returned to the base. Russia denies any involvement in downing the jet.

"What matters to me is that the truth is revealed. It's important for me that my country is not blamed for this tragedy," Pulatov said in his video message.

Pulatov's lawyers had their final say in the trial this week, accusing prosecutors of tunnel vision by focusing solely on their theory that separatist rebels shot down MH17, not giving the Russian a fair trial and failing to prove their case against him.

If he is convicted on charges including involvement in the murder of all 298 passengers and crew, Pulatov faces a maximum sentence of life imprisonment, although it is very unlikely he would ever serve any prison time because Russia will not extradite him.

Pulatov was the only one of the suspects who put up a defense at trial. □

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Malaysia agrees to abolish mandatory death penalty

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KUALA LUMPUR, Malaysia (AP) —

Malaysia has agreed to abolish the mandatory death penalty and allow judges to set alternative punishments for a range of offenses, the country's law minister said Friday.

The government will study other proposed punishments for 11 offenses that currently trigger a mandatory death sentence and also for the more than 20 offenses that carry a potential death sentence at the court's discretion, Wan Junadi Tuanku Jaafar said in a statement.

Amendments to the law would still need to be tabled and passed in Parliament before they would take effect.

"The decision on this matter shows the government's priority to ensure the rights

of all parties are protected and guaranteed, thus reflecting the transparency of the country's leadership in improving the dynamic criminal justice system," the minister said.

More than 1,300 people are on death row in Malaysia, with most cases involving drug trafficking.

The death penalty in Malaysia mandates hanging as punishment for a range of crimes, including murder, drug trafficking, treason, kidnapping and acts of terror.

Foreigners account for 526 of the 1,355 people on death row in the country, according to the Anti-Death Penalty Asia Network.

In 2018, Malaysia said it would abolish the death penalty for all crimes and halt all pending executions. But it backtracked in

2019, saying that the death penalty would no longer be mandatory for selected offenses.

The ADPAN said the mandatory death penalty "deprives judges of the discretion to sentence based on the situation of each individual offender ... (which) has resulted in absurd sentences that have led to public outcries."

Rights groups welcomed Friday's announcement but said the agreement was only a starting point.

"Before everyone starts cheering, we need to see Malaysia pass the actual legislative amendments to put this pledge into effect because we have been down this road before, with successive Malaysian governments promising much on human rights but ultimately delivering very little," said Phil Robertson,



The Petronas Twin Towers, center, stand at sunset in downtown Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, Wednesday, Aug. 26, 2020.

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the deputy Asia director at Human Rights Watch.

Katrina Jorene Maliamauv, Amnesty International Malaysia's executive director, said the move was a step in the right direction but urged the country to go further and work toward full abolition of the death pen-

alty.

"The government should table the necessary amendments in Parliament without delay and establish a full review of all cases involving the mandatory death penalty with a view to commuting these sentences," Maliamauv said. □

Sudan anti-coup group sits with generals for the first time

By NOHA ELHENNAWY
CAIRO (AP)—Sudan's leading pro-democracy group has met with the country's generals for the first time since last year's military coup, the U.S. Embassy said Friday, in what could signal a breakthrough in attempts to bring the East African nation back on track toward a democratic transition. The meeting held late Thursday in the capital, Khartoum, brought the Forces for the Declaration of Freedom and Change an alliance of political parties and protest groups together with representatives of the country's ruling military council. The talks focused on resolving the current political impasse and were mediated by the Saudi Embassy and the U.S. delegation in Sudan, the embassy said in a statement. "We thank the participants for their frank & constructive participation and for their willingness to end the political crisis & to build a peaceful, just and democratic Sudan," it said. Since the military took over in October, the same pro-democracy group has refused to sit with the generals at the negotiating table, insisting they should first transfer power to a ci-



Dozens of people gather in front of the office of the United Nations Integrated Transition Assistance Mission in Sudan (UNITAMS) in support of Sudan's military leaders, in Khartoum, Sudan, Wednesday, June 1, 2022.

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vilian government, return to the barracks, end violence against protesters and release all detainees. The pro-democratic alliance said that it had received an invitation from U.S. Assistant Secretary of State Mary Catherine Phee and Saudi Ambassador Ali bin Hassan Jaafar to meet directly with the generals, according to and FDFC statement. "We are keen to have two of the most influential countries in the region and the

world remain supportive of the Sudanese people and the pro-democracy forces," said a statement by the alliance, referring to Saudi Arabia and the U.S. The meeting, held in the Khartoum residence of the Saudi ambassador was attended by four of the alliance's leaders and three top military generals, including deputy head of Sudan's ruling Sovereign Council, Gen. Mohamed Hamdan Dagalo, as well as Lt. Gen. Shams el-Din Ka-

bashin and Lt. Gen. Ibrahim Gaber. "The other party acknowledged that there is a political crisis and said they are willing to solve it," said pro-democracy leader Taha Othman, who attended the talks in reference to the military. "They affirmed that they had the sincere will to end the coup," added Othman. The group said that it had agreed to lay out a road-map in consultation with

other civilian groups that would include clear steps on how to reverse the political coup. This blueprint will be handed over to the international community, alliance leaders said at a news conference held on Friday. There has been no immediate comment from the military. The Forces for the Declaration of Freedom and Change had previously boycotted military-civilian talks that kicked off earlier this week under the auspices of the U.N. political mission in Sudan, the African Union, and the eight-nation east African regional Inter-governmental Authority in Development group. It had criticized the participation of pro-military groups and Islamists who had been allied with the former regime of longtime dictator Omar al-Bashir. In April 2019, a popular uprising pushed the military to remove al-Bashir after nearly three decades of repression and international isolation. Eventually, the military and pro-democracy groups signed a power-sharing agreement that instated a joint military-civilian government that was supposed to rule until general elections be held. □

Watchdog says Afghan Taliban detaining, torturing civilians



Militiamen loyal to Ahmad Massoud, son of the late Ahmad Shah Massoud, take part in a training exercise, in Panjshir province, northeastern Afghanistan, on Aug. 29, 2021.

Associated Press

By RAHIM FAIEZ
Associated Press
ISLAMABAD (AP) — Taliban security forces in northern Afghanistan have unlawfully detained and tortured

residents accused of association with an opposition armed group, the New York-based Human Rights Watch said Friday. Fighting has escalated

in Panjshir province since mid-May as anti-Taliban forces there attacked Taliban units and checkpoints, HRW said in a statement. The Taliban have responded by deploying thousands of fighters on search operations targeting communities they allege are supporting the opposition forces, the group added. "Taliban forces have committed summary executions and enforced disappearances of captured fighters and other detainees, which are war crimes," both in Panjshir and elsewhere in Afghanistan, it said. The force fighting in the mountainous Panjshir Valley north of Kabul a remote region that has defied conquerors before rose out

of the last remnants of Afghanistan's shattered security forces. It has vowed to resist the Taliban after they overrun the country and seized power in Afghanistan in mid-August. Nestled in the towering Hindu Kush range, the Panjshir Valley has a single narrow entrance. Local fighters held off the Soviets there in the 1980s, and the Taliban a decade later under the leadership of Ahmad Shah Massoud, a guerrilla fighter who attained near-mythic status before he was killed in a suicide bombing. His 33-year-old foreign-educated son, Ahmad Massoud, and several top officials from the ousted Western-backed govern-

ment have vowed to resist the Taliban. "Taliban forces in Panjshir province have quickly resorted to beating civilians in their response to fighting against the opposition National Resistance Front," said Patricia Gossman, associate Asia director at Human Rights Watch. "The Taliban's longstanding failure to punish those responsible for serious abuses in their ranks puts more civilians at risk," Gossman was quoted in the statement. Taliban officials have not commented on the HRW statement. Their troops in Panjshir are under the command of the Taliban-appointed defense minister, Mullah Mohammad Yaqoob. □

Salvadoran women jailed for abortion warn U.S. of total ban

By LUIS ANDRES HENAO and JESSIE WARDARSKI

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SAN SALVADOR, El Salvador (AP) —

Teodora del Carmen Vásquez was nine months pregnant when she felt extreme pain in her back. She called 911 seven times before fainting in a bathroom in a pool of blood.

The nightmare that came next is common in El Salvador, a heavily Catholic country where abortion is banned under all circumstances and women who suffer miscarriages and stillbirths risk being accused of killing their babies and sentenced to prison.

When Vásquez regained consciousness, officers drove her in the bed of a pickup truck to a police station. There she was arrested on suspicion of violating El Salvador's abortion law, one of the world's strictest. She was later convicted of aggravated homicide and sentenced to 30 years in prison.

"This is the reality that we have lived," said Vásquez, who served more than 10 years for what she maintains was a stillbirth. "Any woman who arrives to jail accused of having an abortion is seen as the most evil, heartless being."

"From the moment we get pregnant, we become incubators," said Vásquez, whose sentence was commuted in 2018. "We lose our rights."

Abortion rights activists say the law has led to human rights violations and should serve as a cautionary tale for the United States, where more than 20 states are expected to ban abortion if the Supreme Court soon overturns the landmark 1973 Roe v. Wade ruling.

Some states may retain exceptions such as rape or incest, but others are likely to have none save for a threat to a pregnant woman's life. That would mean some rape victims may be forced to carry unwanted pregnancies to term and obstetric emergencies could be mistaken for intentional abortions, said Catalina Martínez Coral,



Mariana López sits with her seven-year-old daughter at their home in Ahuachapán, El Salvador, on Thursday, May 19, 2022.

Associated Press

Latin America and Caribbean director for the New York-based Center for Reproductive Rights.

"These states are going to live similar situations that women are living in El Salvador," she said.

Some anti-abortion leaders in the U.S. oppose prosecuting women who have abortions, but others disagree. Louisiana legislators unsuccessfully pushed a bill this year that would have allowed such prosecutions, and some U.S. clergy favor classifying the procedure as homicide.

Women used to be able to seek abortions in cases of risk to their life, severe fetal malformations incompatible with life, or rape in El Salvador, a small Central American country of 6.5 million people.

But that ended in the late 1990s with a law championed by anti-abortion activists, conservative lawmakers and the Catholic Church, followed by a constitutional amendment defining life as starting at conception.

El Salvador is not the only country in the Western Hemisphere with a total ban but stands out for its aggressive prosecutions.

Overall, El Salvador has prosecuted at least 181 women who experienced obstetric emergencies in

the past two decades, according to the Citizen Group for the Decriminalization of Abortion. At least 65 imprisoned women have been released with the help of the organization and its allies.

"Everywhere in the world it's understood that there are pregnancy losses for natural reasons. ... Here, that's punished," said Morena Herrera, the nonprofit's director.

Prosecution and punishment overwhelmingly fall on poor, young women who lack sufficient access to medical services and cannot afford to travel abroad for an abortion or pay for a good legal defense.

One woman, Karen, was 21 and pregnant when she fainted. She woke up handcuffed to a gurney and lost the pregnancy. She received an aggravated homicide conviction in 2015 and a 30-year prison sentence.

"They told me that I was a murderer and I was going to pay for what I had done," she said.

She spent seven years locked up, drawing strength from her son and belief in her innocence and was released in December. Like some other women interviewed by The Associated Press, Karen shared

her story and agreed to be photographed on the condition her full name not be disclosed out of concerns over privacy, possible reprisals and societal stigma.

Today Karen tries to make up for lost time with her son. She retains her Catholic faith but is disenchanted with some of the church's positions, including its opposition to abortion.

"If it was up to them, we shouldn't have been freed," Karen said.

The Catholic Church and the growing number of evangelical churches have vast influence in the country.

In El Salvador's congress, lawmaker Guillermo Gallegos — whose office is adorned with Catholic imagery — said allowing abortion would countermand deeply held beliefs among most Salvadorans.

"There is no valid reason why abortion can be decriminalized in our country," Gallegos said.

The Vatican has long opposed abortion, and that hasn't changed under Pope Francis.

After celebrating a recent Mass in San Salvador, Cardinal Gregorio Rosa Chávez praised Francis' views and echoed his theme of abortion as a violent act.

"We live in a culture of death," the cardinal told

the AP, saying it "leads us to a total disaster."

Anti-abortion activists say that women sharing their stories did kill their babies and that their arguments are led by abortion-rights nonprofits trying to ease the law. Local anti-abortion groups did not respond to interview requests or declined to talk to the AP.

El Salvador's health minister declined to comment via a spokesperson for the presidency, who also said no other government officials would be available for interviews.

With Roe v. Wade in jeopardy, Latin American abortion rights activists who once looked to the U.S. as a model have shifted their sights to countries with loosening restrictions, such as Colombia and Mexico.

In one key case, a Salvadoran woman was arrested in 2008 after losing her pregnancy. Her two young sons were left in the care of their grandparents and the mother, who in court proceedings was identified only as Manuela, died of cancer in 2010 while serving a 30-year sentence.

"Death," said Jesús, the older son who's now 22. "That's what the state of El Salvador caused when it sentenced my mom — it killed her and sentenced her children to a bad life."

Jesús found some closure last November when the Inter-American Court of Human Rights ruled that El Salvador had violated Manuela's rights.

The court found that Manuela's lost pregnancy was due to a preeclampsia complication. It ordered the government to pay damages to her sons.

Vásquez also grew up poor, helping her parents farm before moving to the capital. She entered prison at 24. After her 2018 release, she vowed to fight to free others and launched a group, Mujeres Libres — Spanish for "free women."

"It's really important to try to change El Salvador," Vásquez said, "so our history doesn't get repeated elsewhere and by future generations." □

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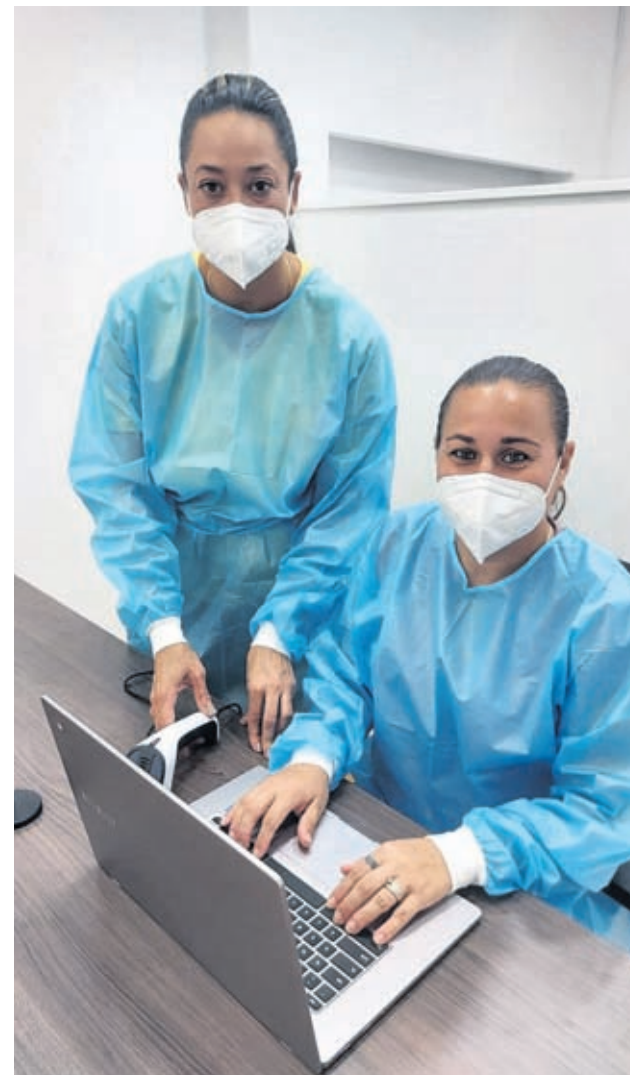


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FPNA presents the winners of its Nature Photography Competition 2021



ORANJESTAD - On World Ocean Day, Fundacion Parke Nacional Aruba (FPNA) concluded its Nature Photography Competition 2021.

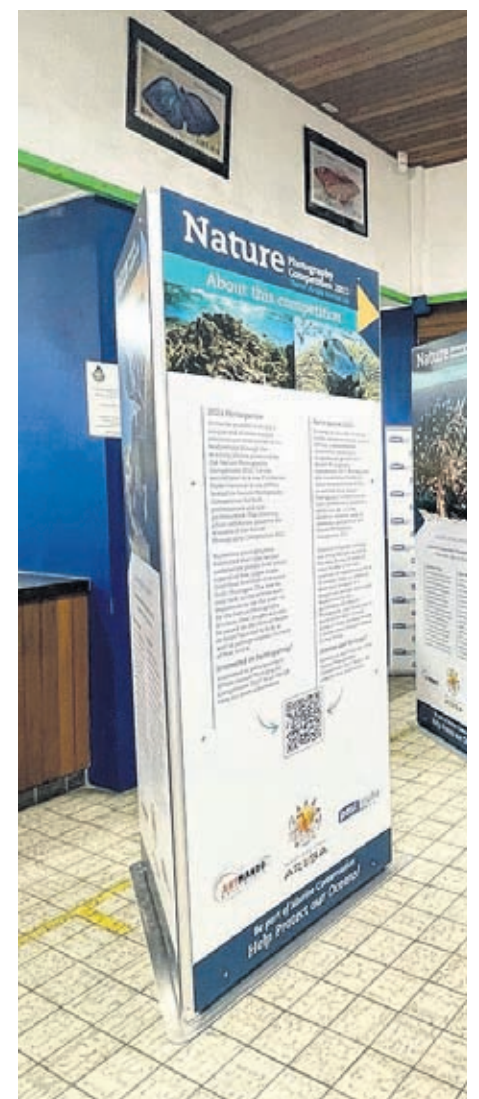
World Oceans Day is an international day celebrated annually on June 8. This is a day to raise global awareness and recognize

the value of our oceans and our obligations to preserve our marine environment. Minister Ursell Arends y Minister Geoffrey Wever presented the prizes to the winners of the Nature Photography Competition 2021. FPNA also launched its informative mini-exhibition and commemorative postage stamps at Post Aruba NV with the prize-winning images of this competition 2021.

Five jurors consisted of the photography competition of last year, Mr. Hubert de Cuba, one representative of FPNA and Post Aruba, and two local artists, – Suelyn Dankerlui y Armando Goedgedrag of Armando Multimedia. They selected the winning images from various impressive pictures.

Winners Amateur Category:

“Face” of a Flamingo Tongue by Vasco Baselli;
Floating in the Current by Tobia de



Scisciolo;
Cangreu di Hulanda by Michael Arends.

Winners Professional Category :

The Green Sea Turtle: A Local Favorite by Kanter Constandse;
The Ghost Crab by Nohemy Habibe.

You may visit the exhibition at the Post office and Parke Arikok. Minister Geoffrey Wever inaugurated the new series of postage stamps with the prize-winning images of the Nature Photography Competition 2021. This exhibition highlights the importance of protecting our sea, flora, and fauna. □



Continuation

Post Aruba emits its stamp series 'Marine Life' On a collaboration with Aruba National Park Foundation

On June 8, 2021, which is World Oceans Day, Post Aruba N.V. emits its stamp series 'Marine Life'.

This emission was done in collaboration with Aruba National Park Foundation through a nature photography competition held in December 2021.

This stamp emission is accompanied by a First Day Cover envelope that was designed by Mr. Armando Goedgedrag.

Description of the stamps:

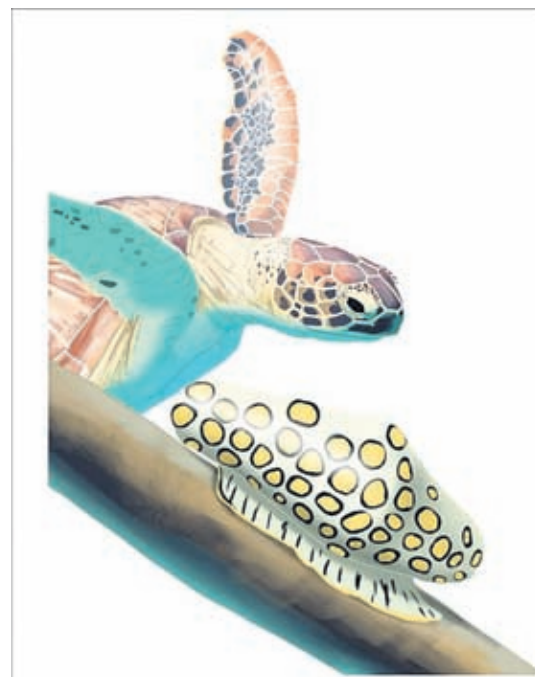
Title: Floating in the current
Between Hole in the wall and Isla di Oro, Aruba by photographer: Tobia de Scisciolo

Photographer Caption:

The magnificent Feather Duster Worm is a beautiful subject and I appreciate photographing it. I particularly enjoy using them as the centerpieces of my pictures as seldomly, like in this example, you find them isolated on top of a coral which if the right angle is used, allows you to obtain this dark blue almost black background. Through this empty and dark background, I enjoy how the main subject is put forward with the strong contrast of the dark blue oceanic background.

Creature description: Feather Duster Worm

Feather duster worms are a family of filter-feeding marine tubeworms



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that live motionless lives. They are known for their highly branched fan of tentacles that extends from their tubes, and look like feather dusters.

A Feather duster worm is often found in the subtidal zones of reefs around the world, positioned in moderate currents where plankton meals get brought to them each day that are gentle enough to not damage their feathery crown.

The feathery crown that gives the feather duster worm its name is a specialized part of its body that is used to trap plankton and move them to its mouth.

These fan worms don't have a face and eyes, but they are able to detect changes in the light and use that light sensitivity to protect them from predators.

If a feather duster worm detects a shadow or feels threatened, it will retreat into its tube for protection.

They also have the ability to reproduce asexually through fragmentation.

Title: The ghost crab

At Pink beach/pyramid rock behind the Arashi dunes, Aruba by photographer: Nohemy Habibe

Photographer Caption:

On my last day shooting at the 'pink beach' / 'pyramid rock' behind the Arashi dunes, I saw a movement out the corner of my right eye. I had spotted many ghost crabs, but none were this big. We had a moment of mutual understanding as she let me get various shots from different angles and distances.

Creature description: Ghost Crab
Ghost crabs are common shore crabs in tropical and subtropical regions throughout the world, inhabiting deep burrows in the intertidal zone. They are generalist scavengers and predators of small animals.

The name "ghost crab" derives from their nocturnality and their generally pale coloration which blends in well with the sand, though they are capable of gradually changing body coloration to match their environments and the time of day.

Characteristics of the subfamily include one claw being larger than the other, thick and elongated eyestalks, and a box-like body.

They are semi-terrestrial and breathe oxygen from the air through moistened gills. They must periodically wet their gills with seawater, usually by taking water from moist sand or by running into the surf and letting the waves wash over them. However, they can only remain under water for a limited amount of time, as they will drown.

They remain in their burrows during the hottest part of the day, and throughout the coldest part of the winter.

Ghost crabs are negatively affected by human activity on sandy beaches, such as sand trampling by foot traffic, the building of seawalls, or the presence of inorganic pollutants. Due to their worldwide distribution and the ease by which their burrows can be surveyed, ghost crab burrows are regarded as valuable ecological indicators for quickly assessing the impact of human disturbance on beach habitats.

This stamp series and First Day Cover envelope are available at all the Post Office locations, namely in Oranjestad and San Nicolas.

For more information on the "Marine Life" stamps serie please visit the Facebook page: Aruba Stamps or Webpage: postaruba.com/philatelic/



A summer job: Good for the teenage soul and wallet

By **TOMMY TINDALL** of Nerd-Wallet

It's been a rough couple of years, especially for teenagers. Between the shutdowns and the shift to contactless everything — including education — adolescents got a pretty raw deal. They could use a break this summer. Actually, they could use a job. There's good news for teenagers ready to work. Unemployment is under 4% overall, and the rate for teens 16-19 was just over 10% in April, according to data from the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics. And the "help wanted" signs hanging in the storefronts of so many businesses drive the point home.

It could be a prime time for kids on break to fill the void, earn a wage and learn some life skills along the way.

A (TEENAGE) WORKERS MARKET

The hot job market applies to teenagers too, says Cornelius Thomas, a career development coordinator at Smithfield-Selma High School in Smithfield, North Carolina.

Thomas, whose role keeps him connected with local employers, has seen the leverage turn to the student worker as of late. "It's become more and more common for employers to reach out to career development coordinators with incentivized opportunities for students," he says.

The positions can be lucrative too. He says internships now come with pay more often than not, and some



A sign advertises for help at The Goldenrod, a popular restaurant and candy shop, Wednesday, June 1, 2022, in York Beach, Maine.

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of his students have taken fast food jobs that start at \$12 an hour. That's a few bucks better than the federal minimum wage.

A CURE FOR THE COMMON CONFIDENCE PROBLEM

Opportunity knocks at a time when kids could use a boost.

The last couple of years took a toll on teen confidence, says Jennie Marie Battistin, a licensed marriage and family therapist based in the greater Los Angeles area. She says it's not uncommon for ordinary interactions, like speaking to a server at a restaurant or checking out at a grocery store, to feel uncomfortable.

"Having an outside job helps bring confidence in that they can talk to others in the outside world," Battis-

tin says.

With kids everywhere on edge, a classic summer job, like lifeguard, restaurant server, camp counselor or cashier, could sub as a master class on human interaction, in real life.

MINDFULNESS OVER MEDIA

While it may be instinctive for parents to shield their kids from another source of stress, the summer job might actually help teens escape some of the pressures of today.

That's because they're signing off social media, engaging with co-workers and making connections in the real world, Battistin says. "They're learning practical tasks. That helps their brain kind of just stay mindful and present in that moment."

Battistin makes the idea of mindfulness feel attainable

and necessary right now. "When we stay mindful in the moment, we are present with the activity. We're shutting out all the chatter of the craziness of the world. And we're realizing, 'I can accomplish this task and I can feel good,'" she says.

A PAYCHECK PREVAILS

While mindfulness is bliss, money is motivation.

"A lot of the students that I work with are interested in jobs primarily for the paycheck," says Margaret Sproule, a career coach at Radford High School in Radford, Virginia. But their spending goals have evolved with the times. They're after "some discretionary money so that they can help with their phones, or their gaming systems and the games that they

want."

It's a delicate balance between needs and wants, says Thomas, who encourages his students, especially those with obligations to help with household expenses, to openly discuss money matters with family and mentors like him.

"Having those conversations is important because they have to understand how to get the most out of their money," he says.

MONEY BASICS, NOT MEME STOCKS

Parents can push these paycheck basics:

— Pay your teenage self first. At 17, that's as simple as socking away \$50 a month in savings.

— Spend less than you make. It's the first step of financial freedom.

— Take steps to establish credit early. Brave parents can add their teen worker as an authorized user of an existing credit card.

Play to your kids' financial interests too. Some of Sproule's students want to talk about cryptocurrencies, and that opens the door for the never-too-soon "investing for your future" chat. It's also a good time to tell them the GameStop saga of 2021 was a fluke.

Ultimately, the practical experiences with money help cut through the noise and alleviate the angst that so many teens have about the next stage of life, Battistin says.

"They're starting to build confidence that, 'I can operate out in the real world financially and make good decisions,'" she says. □



People arrive for work at the Amazon distribution center in the Staten Island borough of New York, on Oct. 25, 2021.

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NLRB denies Amazon's ask to close union hearing to public

By **HALELUYA HADERO**
AP Business Writer

A federal labor board has denied Amazon's request to bar the public from a hearing on the company's bid to overturn a historic union win at one of its Staten Island, New York, warehouses.

Hearings by the National Labor Relations Board are typically held in person and

open to the public. But the Seattle-based company filed a motion Tuesday arguing the agency should make the hearing on the Staten Island union vote private because it will be held over Zoom.

Amazon argued that a Zoom hearing makes difficult to know if witnesses who aren't supposed to observe the hearing are listen-

ing in, or whether the hearing is being recorded and shared with others, which the labor board prohibits. The hearing, which begins Monday, is expected to last several days.

On Thursday, Cornele Overstreet, a regional director with the NLRB field office who will oversee the hearing, denied the company's request. □

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By THOMAS JOSEPH

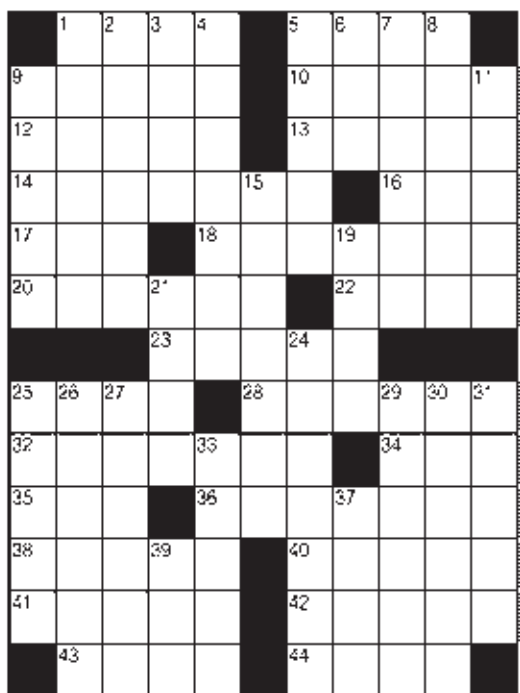
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Yesterday's answer

Review: Adam Sandler basketball drama, 'Hustle,' has game



This image released by Netflix shows Ainhua Pillet, from left, Maria Botto, Juancho Hernangomez and Adam Sandler in a scene from "Hustle."

Associated Press

By JAKE COYLE AP Film Writer

By now you'd think you know what you're getting with an Adam Sandler sports movie. "Happy Gilmore" and "The Waterboy" have conditioned us to expect silly voices and left hooks from irritated game show hosts. But in "Hustle," Sandler's new basketball movie on Netflix, he pulls a crossover. The film, directed by Jeremiah Zagar, isn't the farce you might expect. Rather, it's one of the most textured and affectionate films about basketball that's come along in a long time. Starring Sandler as a road-weary NBA scout and with several teams' worth of all-stars in cameos, "Hustle" has a surprisingly good handle and feel for the game.

A longtime Knicks fan and pick-up player, it's probably inevitable that Sandler would eventually find his way to a hoops movie. "Uncut Gems," one of his most recent leading roles, as a gambling-addicted jeweler with a big bet on a Boston Celtics game, veered closer to the sport and co-starred Kevin Gar-

nett. The LeBron James-produced "Hustle," which debuts Friday, isn't as distinctive or (thankfully) as stress-inducing as Josh and Benny Safdie's film, but it's likewise rich in atmosphere and finds Sandler in fine dramatic form.

Sandler plays Stanley Sugarman, a talent scout for the Philadelphia 76ers, who spends his days circling the globe looking for the next Dirk Nowitzki. Life on the road has beaten him down — his wife, Teresa (Queen Latifah) and daughter (Jordan Hull) are accustomed to his absences — and Stanley harbors dreams of transitioning to the coaching ranks. Or not dreams, exactly.

"Guys in their 50s don't have dreams," he says. "They have nightmares and eczema."

Stanley's opportunity finally comes when the team's longtime owner, Rex Merrick (Robert Duvall), promotes him to assistant coach. But after Merrick dies, the team is taken over by the owner's brash son Vince (Ben Foster), who has feuded before with Stanley over the potential of a

German prospect. Vince puts Stanley back on the road. "You're valuable as a coach," he tells him. "You're indispensable as a scout." Back on the road, Stanley is in Spain when he notices a crowd gathering outside a gym, on the blacktop. There he sees a construction worker named Bo Cruz (played by NBAer Juancho Hernangomez) whose talent is off the charts, even playing in Timberlands. Stanley, agog Bo's defensive and shooting prowess, trails Bo to his home to recruit him to the Sixers. After a fallout with Vince, Stanley devotes himself to getting Bo into the NBA draft. Along the way, Sandler gets to put his own spin on that fabled sports movie type, the hard-training coach. "Hustle" doesn't veer wildly from the "Rocky" formula, but it does capture something fresh about the bond between player and coach. It's also a clever twist that Bo's greatest talent is his defense, and his biggest hurdle to success is keeping his cool.

All of this plays out in Taylor Materne and Will Fetters' script with a keen sense of detail that will delight NBA fans. There is even a reference to a woebegone Andrea Bargnani trade that will make Knicks fans chuckle (and cringe). The cameos keep coming, including most of the current Sixers roster, Allen Iverson, Boban Marjanović, Luka Dokić, Trae Young and some more fleshed-out characters, like Bo's rival draft pick Kermit Wilts, played charismatically by Timberwolves guard Anthony Edwards. With each appearance, the distance between "Hustle" and the actual NBA grows increasingly small. Stanley's great fear is being left outside "the game," and "Hustle" is often intoxicatingly close to it. This is a movie where you get to see Sandler call Nowitzki "Schnitzel" on FaceTime and marvel at Julius "Dr. J" Erving (a still extremely potent presence) showing up to a playground court. □

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Wreck of 17th-century royal warship found off UK coast

By SYLVIA HUI

LONDON (AP) — Explorers and historians are telling the world about the discovery of the wreck of a royal warship that sank in 1682 while carrying a future king of England, Ireland and Scotland.

The HMS Gloucester, traveling from southern England to Scotland, ran aground while navigating sandbanks off the town of Great Yarmouth on the eastern English coast. It sank within an hour, killing an estimated 130 to 250 crew and passengers.

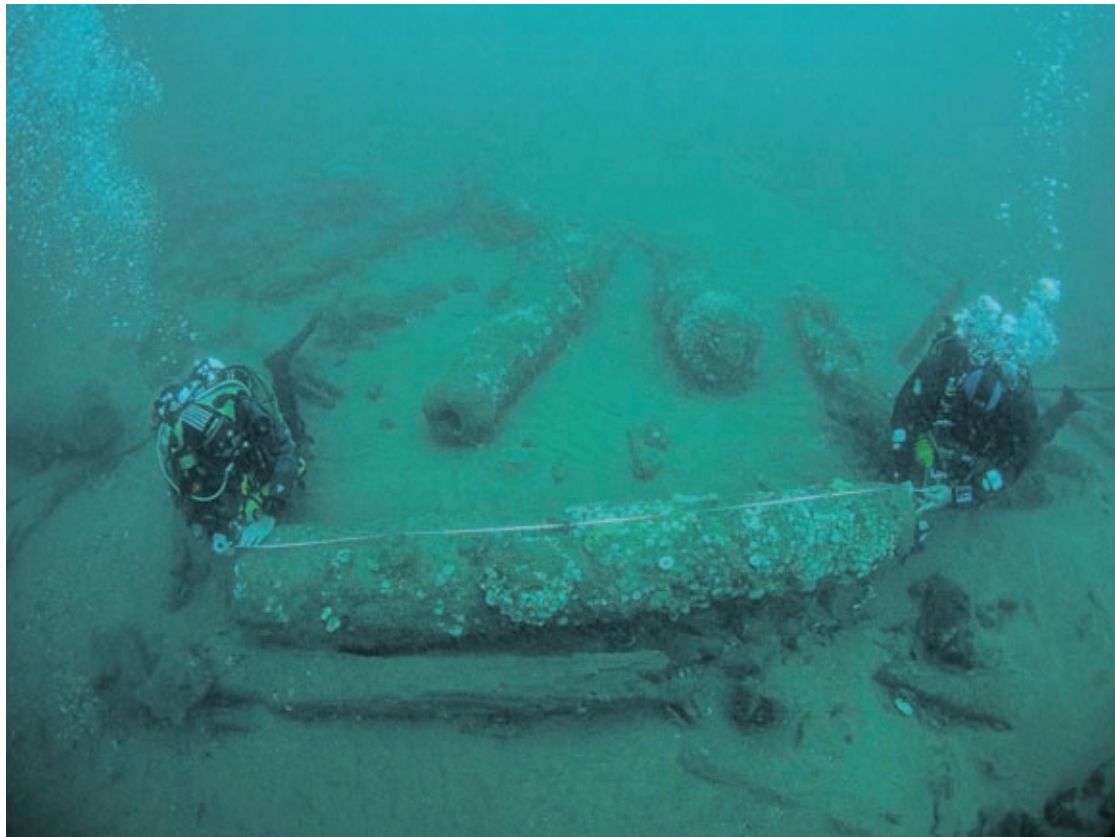
James Stuart, the son of King Charles I, survived. He went on to reign as King James II of England and Ireland, and as James VII of Scotland from 1685 to 1688, when he was deposed by the Glorious Revolution.

The wreck of the Gloucester was found in 2007 by brothers Julian and Lincoln Barnwell and others after a four-year search. It was firmly identified in 2012 with discovery of the ship's bell. The discovery was only made public Friday because of the time it took to confirm the identity of the ship and the need to protect the historical site.

Claire Jowitt, an expert in maritime history at the University of East Anglia, said the wreck was "one of the important 'almost' moments in English history." The Gloucester's sinking almost caused the death of the Catholic heir to the Protestant throne at a time of great political and religious tension in Britain.

"If he had died, we would have had a very different British and European history as a result," Jowitt said.

"I think this is a time capsule that offers the opportunity to find it out so much about life on a 17th-century ship. The royal nature of the ship



In this undated photo provided by Norfolk Historic Shipwrecks, Julian And Lincoln Barnwell measure the cannon found on the HMS Gloucester in 2007.

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is absolutely incredible and unique," she added.

She believes the wreck is the most important maritime discovery since the Mary Rose, the warship from the Tudor navy of King Henry VIII. The Mary Rose capsized with a crew of around 500 in 1545 in the Solent, a strait between the Isle of Wight and the British mainland. A huge salvage operation brought it back to the surface in 1982.

There are no current plans to raise the wreck of the Gloucester because much

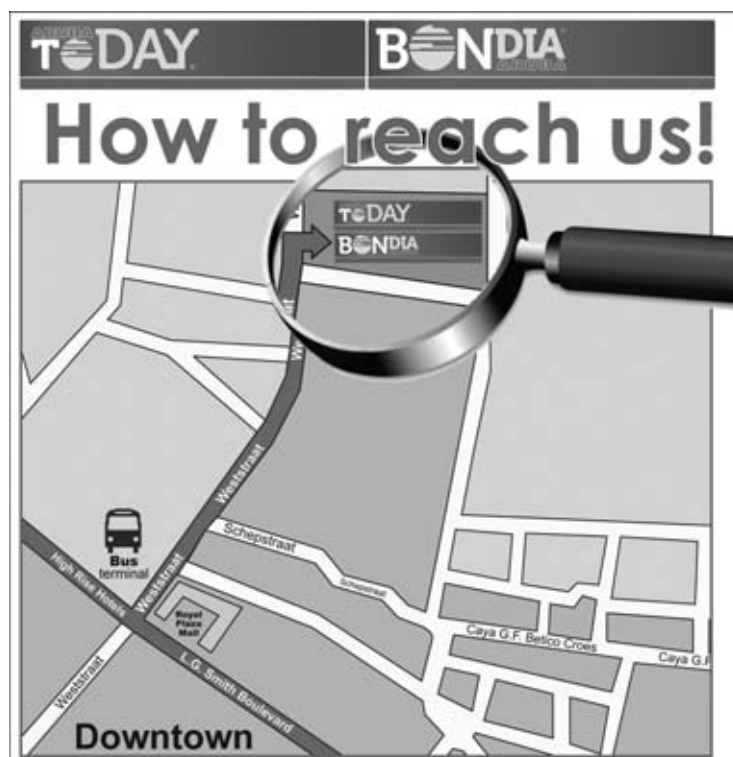
of it is buried under sand.

"We've only just touched the tip of an iceberg," Julian Barnwell said.

Artifacts rescued from the wreck include clothes, shoes, navigational equipment and many wine bottles. One bottle bears a seal with the crest of the Legge family — the ancestors of George Washington, the first U.S. president. The crest was a forerunner to the Stars and Stripes flag.

An exhibition is planned next spring at Norwich Castle Museum and Art Gallery

to display finds from the wreck and share ongoing research. □



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Crowded dais as boxing hall of fame inducts three classes

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The International Boxing Hall of Fame might have to build a new wing to host all the inductees after this weekend's ceremonies.

Floyd Mayweather Jr. alone makes Sunday's event one of the most anticipated in years. Add in fighters like Roy Jones Jr., Andre Ward and Bernard Hopkins — as well as some pioneering women — and the boxing hall in tiny Canastota, New York, figures to fill up quickly.

The last two ceremonies were canceled because of the pandemic. So there's a three-year class of 27 fighters — and 36 honorees in total — that should appeal to even the most casual boxing fan.

That includes a new women's category headed by Laila Ali and Christy Martin, who shot to fame when she was featured on some of Mike Tyson's fight cards in the 1990s.

Organizers say all the fighters are expected to be there except one. Former heavyweight champion Wladimir Klitschko is in Ukraine alongside his broth-



Floyd Mayweather Jr., left, hits Manny Pacquiao, from the Philippines, during their welterweight title fight on Saturday, May 2, 2015, in Las Vegas.

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er, Vitali, helping run the capital city of Kyiv during the ongoing war against invading Russia. Vitali Klitschko, mayor of Kyiv and also a former heavyweight champ, was inducted in 2018.

There are so many fighters that the event will be held at a nearby casino instead of in Canastota. Instead of

fighting each other, the inductees will find themselves fighting for time for their acceptance speeches in the biggest induction ever for the small hall that honors boxing's greatest.

Here's a look at some of the inductees:

FLOYD MAYWEATHER JR. — One of the all-time greats, and certainly one of the

best defensive fighters ever. His 50-0 record suggests perfection but Mayweather will probably best be known more for how he capitalized on his career better than any fighter before him. He invented the Money May persona, but the money was very real, including the estimated \$200 million he made

to fight Manny Pacquiao in the richest fight ever. Mayweather also banked similar money to fight UFC's Conor McGregor, and his record as a pay-per-view king may stand for a long time. Is he the greatest fighter ever as he claims? No, but that doesn't stop him from being in the conversation.

BERNARD HOPKINS — The Executioner was certainly one of the greatest middleweights of all time, with a record 20 straight defenses of the middleweight title he won in 1995. Hopkins would later move up to 175 pounds, and set a record as oldest champion when he beat Jean Pascal at the age of 46 to win the light heavyweight title. Two years later, he won the title again at the age of 48. Hopkins made his biggest payday when he stopped Oscar De La Hoya with a body punch in their 2004 showdown, then won again when he joined De La Hoya as a shareholder in Golden Boy Promotions. Not only a great fighter, but a great talker, especially when it comes to his career. □

IndyCar to have two female racers in Road America field



IndyCar driver Tatiana Calderon, left, chats with her team while walking to her car before the start of the IndyCar practice session at the Grand Prix of St. Petersburg auto race on Feb. 26, 2022 in St. Petersburg, Fla.

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By **JENNA FRYER**
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Simona de Silvestro finished second at the Houston Grand Prix, the third to last race of the 2013 IndyCar season, and stormed into the KV Racing truck to confront the owners.

"Me! You need to hire me!" the Swiss racer told her bosses. They were seeking a replacement for Indianapolis 500 winner Tony Kanaan, who had formally announced one day earlier he was leaving the team. De Silvestro was not on the

short list for his seat.

She finished the next two races with KV Racing — her one and only season with the team — and then her four-year IndyCar run was over. She made three starts in 2015 driving for Michael Andretti, and was the only woman in last year's Indianapolis 500, driving for the all-female Paretta Autosport team.

The road back to a regular ride has been long and winding, and de Silvestro will make her first IndyCar start of the season on Sunday at Road America in Wisconsin. It's the first of three races Paretta Autosport plans to enter this season, and de Silvestro will join Tatiana Calderon in the field to give IndyCar two women entering multiple events for the first time since 2013.

"It's a shame it was a long

period the last couple of years that we hadn't had somebody in the top level of single-seaters," said Calderon, who will make her fifth start of the season for A.J. Foyt Racing. The Colombian's best finish was 15th on the road course at Indianapolis; she only competes on the road and street courses. "There are females that can compete against men in a very competitive championship," she continued. "I hope that together we can keep that momentum going and to see more females."

De Silvestro can't help but reflect on what might have been if funding and the politics of racing had been a little different in 2013. Her lowest finish in the final nine races of that season was 14th and she closed with five consecutive top-10s. In the final point standings,

she was 13th — wedged between Sebastien Bourdais, the driver who did replace Kanaan at KV Racing, and Josef Newgarden, who was in his second season of IndyCar and on his way to stardom.

"In racing, definitely money makes a big difference," said de Silvestro, who is 33. "In '13, I finished in front of Josef in the championship. He ended up going to Penske and then won the championship two times. You need to get the right shot. You need to get people behind you who really want to support you."

"I think as a female driver, we do get the opportunities, but I think also sometimes it's really quick when we have a bit of a bad season. The support then isn't really right away. I think with some guys, they get more chances at it." □

Derby winner Rich Strike faces another stiff test in Belmont

By **STEPHEN WHYNO**
AP Sports Writer

After so many things went right for Rich Strike to win the Kentucky Derby, he'll likely need even more good fortune at the Belmont Stakes with so much stacked against him.

Rich Strike won't go off at odds of more than 80-1 this time, but even after bypassing the Preakness to run in the final leg of the Triple Crown, he's not expected to be the horse to beat in the field of eight. That distinction belongs to 2-1 morning line favorite We the People, a newcomer to the Triple Crown trail who could set the pace in the 1 1/2-mile race and thrive if it rains in New York on Saturday.

If it's a wet track similar to We the People's romp to victory in the Peter Pan Stakes at Belmont Park last month, trainer Mark Casse doesn't like anyone else's chances.

"We're all going to be running for second, even the Derby winner," said Casse, who's set to saddle Golden Glider in the Belmont. Golden Glider finished a distant second to We the People in the Peter Pan on May 14. Rich Strike ran past 19 other horses in shocking fashion on May 7 to become the second biggest long shot to win the Derby. Even that took myriad factors to happen: sharp training at Churchill Downs the week



We the People, ridden by trainer Rodolphe Brisset, trains before the 154th running of the Belmont Stakes horse race, Wednesday, June 8, 2022, in Elmont, N.Y.

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before, the withdrawal of Ethereal Road to get into the field, a hot pace, the perfect trip and the kind of acceleration he had never shown before in a race.

"Is that his lifetime best? I don't know," retired jockey Jerry Bailey said. "History will only tell us that. But I think he's going to have to run better than that, actually, to win."

That's in part because horses don't typically run as fast early in the longer Belmont, which is known as the "test of a champion." The 154th edition of the race is particularly shaping up for a plodding pace with We

the People looking like the only speed horse going up against Rich Strike and six other closers on a big, sandy track that doesn't tend to favor late charges.

"The mile and a half is just an entirely different race," said Casse, who won the Belmont three years ago with Sir Winston. "You don't want to be too far away."

The onus for that is on jockeys, and most notable Rich Strike's Sonny Leon, whose navigation through traffic at the Derby will go down as one of the best rides in the history of the sport.

"We never expected to get the trip we got because to

pass 19 horses is asking an awful lot," trainer Eric Reed said this week. "Hats off to him. That's one of the best rides ever."

But Leon has never ridden at Belmont Park before and is not scheduled for a mount on the main, dirt track before getting aboard Rich Strike in the \$1.5 million Belmont Stakes. Having seen Calvin Borel at the top of his game in 2009 misjudge when to make his move with Derby winner Mine That Bird and other jockeys make costly mistakes in this race, Bailey believes it's a big task for Leon to undertake.

"He's got a lot to think about," said Bailey, who is now an NBC Sports analyst. "The Belmont's different because you can actually affect the trip you get. In the Derby, they just outran him, so he just played the hand that was dealt to him. He can pretty much be in control of his own hand if he chooses to be because he's not going to be nearly as far back, so he's going to have to decide where he wants his horse early in the race and then when it comes time to move, when he actually moves, based upon how fast — or in this case maybe how slow they've been going."

It looks to be a slow go. Among the others in the race, including Derby horses Mo Donegal and Barber Road, two back from the Preakness in Creative Minister and Skippy Longstocking and filly Nest, there's a lack of early speed.

That appears to set up perfectly for We the People to go wire to wire if jockey Flavien Prat can control the race.

"Flavien Prat, does he slow the pace down as much as he can and then try and have so much left at the end they'll never catch him?" Bailey said. "Does he try and spread the race out somewhere in the middle and get a cushion? A lot of it is going to depend on how Flavien decides to run the race." □

DeChambeau joins Saudi golf series; Schwartzel leads in UK

By **ROB HARRIS**

ST. ALBANS, England (AP)

— Former U.S. Open champion Bryson DeChambeau became the latest big name to sign on with the Saudi-funded breakaway series LIV Golf, and Charl Schwartzel remained on course Friday to win the maximum prize of \$4.75 million at its inaugural event outside London.

That kind of big money has already convinced a long line of leading golfers — although none from the top 10 so far — to accept offers from the series bankrolled by the Saudi sovereign

wealth fund. DeChambeau is yet to explain why he made an about-turn to join that list, having previously said he would continue playing on the PGA Tour. That may not be possible now, as the PGA Tour announced Thursday that players who defect to the renegade series will face banishment from future tour events.

DeChambeau will be joining a series that already features Dustin Johnson and Phil Mickelson, who are also among the golfers to have spent the week facing questions about the

decision to sign up given Saudi Arabia's human rights violations.

On the course, Schwartzel shot a 4-under 66 to take a three-shot lead over fellow South African Hennie Du Plessis in the fight for the \$4 million individual first prize at the 54-hole event, which will be decided on Saturday. Both players are on the Stinger team which is leading the way to share a \$3 million purse for the best four-man team.

DeChambeau's signing was announced as the second round was taking place. □



Bryson DeChambeau hits from the 18th tee during the second round of the Memorial golf tournament Friday, June 3, 2022, in Dublin, Ohio.

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